

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~A method for use in conveying a plurality of messages from a sending terminal to a receiving terminal over a telecommunications system that is at least in part a wireless telecommunications system, the method comprising:~~

- a) ~~the~~a sending terminal assembling ~~the~~a plurality of messages in a desired order according to inputs by a user;
- b) the sending terminal indicating in each message the order of the message in the desired order;
- c) the sending terminal sending all of the messages to ~~the~~a receiving terminal over a telecommunications system that is at least in part a wireless communications network in response to an input by the user;

wherein the plurality of messages conveys a plurality of frames of a funny, so that each frame is conveyed by one or more of the messages, and wherein each frame is logically related to at least one other of the frames.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the sending terminal associating with a frame of the plurality of frames a special effect to be performed when the frame is displayed.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the special effect is selected from the group comprising vibrating the frame, providing a sound when the frame is first displayed, providing a sound when the frame is closed, opening the frame in stages, and closing the frame in stages.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the sending terminal preparing a frame of the plurality of frames by indicating a picture to be displayed in the frame and/or by providing text to be displayed in the frame.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the sending terminal downloading from a service an already-created message and editing the text of a frame of the plurality of frames to personalize the plurality of frames for an assumed operator of the receiving terminal.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the sending terminal downloading from a service or retrieving from stored memory an already-created picture for use as the picture of a frame of the plurality of frames and optionally providing text to be associated with the picture.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of frames is provided using a pre-existing message service selected from the group comprising short message service (SMS), extended message service (EMS), and multimedia messaging service (MMS).

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of frames consists of three ordered frames, each frame comprising a picture and associated text personalized for an intended recipient.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of frames is protected from being copied using a form of protection selected from the group comprising: copy protection, digital rights management, and encryption.

11. (currently amended) ~~An apparatus for use by a sending terminal in conveying a plurality of messages to a receiving terminal via a wireless communications network, the apparatus comprising:~~

a) means for assembling ~~the~~ plurality of messages in a desired order according to inputs by a user;

b) means for indicating in each message the order of the message in the desired order;

c) means for sending all of the messages to the receiving terminal via a wireless communications network in response to an input by the user;

wherein the plurality of messages conveys a plurality of frames of a funny, so that each frame is conveyed by one or more of the messages, and wherein each frame is logically related to at least one other of the frames.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for associating with a frame of the single message a special effect to be performed when the frame is displayed.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising means for reviewing properties of a frame of the plurality of frames, including whether or not a special effect has been associated with the frame.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the special effect is selected from the group comprising vibrating the frame, providing a sound when the frame is first displayed, providing a sound when the frame is closed, opening the frame in stages, and closing the frame in stages.

15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for preparing a frame of the plurality of frames by indicating a picture to be displayed in the frame and/or by providing text to be displayed in the frame.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for downloading from a service an already-created message and editing the text of a frame of the plurality of frames to personalize the plurality of frames.

17. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for downloading from a service or retrieving from stored memory of the apparatus an already-created picture for use as the picture of a frame of the plurality of frames and/or means for providing text to be associated with a picture.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames is provided using a pre-existing message service selected from the group comprising short message service (SMS), extended message service (EMS) and multimedia messaging service (MMS).

19. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames comprises three ordered frames, each frame comprising a picture and/or associated text.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames is protected from being copied using a form of protections selected from the group comprising: copy protection, digital rights management, and encryption.

21. (previously presented) A system according to claim 24, further comprising: a server wirelessly coupled to the sending terminal and to the receiving terminal, for providing a picture to either the sending terminal or the receiving terminal in response to a request for the picture from either the sending terminal or the receiving terminal.

22. (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the server for providing a picture in response to a request for the picture does so in response to a bookmark communicated by the receiving terminal according to a wireless application protocol.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the server for providing a picture in response to a request for the picture does so in response to a request communicated by the sending terminal, thereby making available the picture for use by the sending terminal in composing one or more of the plurality of messages.

24. (previously presented) A system comprising:

a) a sending terminal, adapted for conveying to a receiving terminal via a wireless communications network a plurality of messages, and including in each message ordering information indicating a position for the message in a desired ordering of the plurality of messages; and

b) the receiving terminal, adapted for receiving the plurality of messages and ordering the message in the desired order as indicated by the ordering information;

wherein the plurality of messages conveys a plurality of frames of a funny, so that each frame is conveyed by one or more of the messages, and wherein each frame is logically related to at least one other of the frames.